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## **Mike Blount**

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Mike is an inspirational leader whose depth of experience and wisdom earns him immediate credibility and respect as a trusted business advisor. Throughout his career, Mike has helped organizations, boards and business leaders grow and thrive through public offerings, divestitures and spin off transactions, complex securities offerings, acquisition due diligence and other accounting and business issues. According to his clients, Mike is known for his direct, no nonsense approach which is balanced with a great sense of humor and sincerity. He is also distinguished by his calm demeanor that enables him to be a stabilizing force during turbulent times. Throughout his career, Mike has served as a mentor providing both professional and personal advice to EY people at all levels in the organization. His passion for work and ability to empower others results in high performing teams and extraordinary business outcomes.

As a partner at EY, Mike served large public and private companies in a variety of industries including aerospace and defense, oil and gas, energy, consumer products, and transportation. His clients included Lockheed Martin, Sunoco, Smithfield Foods, Chico's, CSX, Delta Airlines, and Amtrak. In addition to his client serving responsibilities, he served as the office managing partner in each of the Tampa and Jacksonville, Florida offices, and was also the partner in charge of all the offices in Florida and the Caribbean.

Mike has always been committed to his communities and other causes. Mike is a PADI Divemaster and an avid scuba diver. He has grave concerns about the condition of the world's coral reef systems and wants to do whatever he can to save and restore them. He recently joined the Board of Directors of Reef Renewal USA (RRUSA) where he serves as Treasurer. This gives him the opportunity to use his finance and accounting skills for the benefit of the organization. It also gives him the opportunity to work in the field as a volunteer growing and planting new corals.

He also currently serves as Board Member and Chair of the Finance Committee for the Tampa Bay History Center. He has served as a Board Member and Chairman of the Audit Committee of Children's National Medical Center, one of the top pediatric health systems in the country. He also served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Audit Committee Chair, and Treasurer of the United Way of Tampa Bay, and as Chairman of the Finance Committee for the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce. In addition, he served on the Board of Governors and as Treasurer of the Tampa Yacht and Country Club.

Mike graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Accountancy in 1977 and 1978, respectively. Mike and his wife, Karen, reside in Tampa, Florida. They have three grown children: Mary Catherine (MC), Alli, and Matt. He also has a grandson, Mason, and another grandchild (?) on the way!